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From: MLeoWeber@aol.com [mailto:MLeoWeber@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2005 4:13 PM
To: caitlins@bcdc.ca.gov
Subject: Re: MLPA - Central Coast Study Region

Dear Ms. Sweeney,

Thank you very much for your note. We will include it as part of the record of comments that we present to the task force. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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In a message dated 2/7/2005 11:59:08 A.M. Pacific Standard Time, caitlins@bcdc.ca.gov writes:
Dear Mr. Weber,

I've recently become aware of the Marine Life Protection Act Initiative with regard to the potential inclusion of the San Francisco Bay within a central coast study region.

As I'm sure you are aware, the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) is a California state agency with jurisdiction over the open water, tidal marshes and tidal flats of greater San Francisco Bay and the first 100 feet inland from the shoreline around the Bay. BCDC has regulatory authority over all filling and dredging within the Bay and all development on shoreline. BCDC is mandated to protect the Bay's resources and promote public access to and along the Bay, as well as allow for appropriate economic development.

Clearly we would be very interested in participating in any process to determine the appropriateness of designating Bay sites as marine protected areas. It is my understanding that the Blue Ribbon Task Force will be presenting its recommendation for the boundaries of a central coast study region at its February 22-23 meeting. At this time, we would recommend that the central coast study region not include the San Francisco Bay area. The San Francisco Bay is a substantially different environment than the outer coast and therefore warrants a separate planning and analysis process for analyzing appropriate locations (if any) of MPAs in the Bay. BCDC would welcome participating in such a future process and would be happy to assist in any way we can.

Sincerely,

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